IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Pietro ALLEGRINI et al.

Attorney Docket Number: 100506-00023

Date: March 17, 2004

Serial Number: NEW PATENT APPLICATION

Filed: March 17, 2004

For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF ORGANIC COMPOUNDS CONTAINING A

SULFINYL OR SULFONYL GROUP

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as shown on the following pages: